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### VANCOUVER NOTES.

Thomas Blackstone died at the hospital on Monday night after a lingering illness. Mr. Blackstone was 45 years of age, and was formerly a partner of Mr. Burton's in the Dougall house.

There have been 1,840 cases to date in the police court for the year 1902, and for the month 100 to date. Thus the month and the year beat all previous records.

Another attempt is being made to combine the retail grocers of Vancouver.

About 125 representatives of the trades and labor council and other workingmen of the city met in the Labor hall on Monday evening to hear the reports of the ward committees appointed to bring out candidates for municipal honors. Ward 1 committee had no report to make. Ward 2 reported nominating John Simeson for alderman, H. McKee for licensing commissioner and W. George for school trustee. Wards 3, 4 and 5 made no report. Nominations for aldermen were then proceeded with, and resulted in the following gentlemen being endorsed, provided that they agree to and sign the platform of the trades and labor party: Ward 1, Francis Williams; Ward 2, John Simeson; Ward 3, Ald. Wilson and R. L. Pollock; Ward 4, John Crow and Robert Macpherson; Ward 5, Ald. Wood and J. Morton. For school trustees, Moses George, Tosselle and Mitchell. For the licensing board, the names of H. McKee, S. Gothard, L. D. Taylor and M. Little were mentioned, but on the suggestion of Geo. Bartley no nomination were made.

A meeting for the purpose of forming a "Young Liberals" Association was held on Monday night. The first business was the consideration of the constitution, which was read clauses by clause,

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and finally adopted. The organization will be known as the "Young Liberal Association of Vancouver." Liberals under the age of 40 are eligible for membership. The election of officers resulted as follows: Hon. president, Senator Templeman; president, A. M. Pound; first vice-president, W. D. Ross; second vice-president, J. N. Ellis; secretary, A. R. Creagh; treasurer, L. A. Roberts. Before separating a motion was carried unanimously pledging the members to support the candidature of R. G. Macpherson in the approaching election.

An important industry has been established at Howe Sound by a new company incorporated under the name of the Canada Lumber & Trading Company. The principles in the new enterprise are J. Garner Hutchinson and C. R. Drew. Fifty thousand dollars has been invested in machinery and plant. A sawmill with a capacity of 30,000 feet per day has just been completed, and a chute seven miles long is under construction. The timber is being cut seven miles distant from the sawmill and run down the chute as far as the latter is completed each day, and piled at the end of the chute for future handling.

The British schooner Grace, Capt. Strong, from Oporto, reached St. Johns, Nfld., on Tuesday, with one man dead from chickenpox. Another man is dying and a third is ill of the disease. The schooner has been quarantined.

## CUSTOMS REVENUE OF THE DOMINION

### MORE EVIDENCE OF COUNTRY'S PROSPERITY

An increase of over \$2,000,000 compared with the same time last year.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Canada's custom revenue for the six months ending to day was over \$18,000,000, an increase of over \$2,000,000, compared with the same time last year. The revenue for the past six months was greater than it was for the whole year of 1895, notwithstanding that taxation is now lower. This is evidence of the great prosperity of the country.

From the Yukon.

Fred. Congdon, of the Yukon, is here to-day on business with the interior department.

Will Bring Action.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Notice has been served on the Grand Trunk railway by Robineau & Godfrey, that they intend suing the company for \$20,000 damages in behalf of Mrs. Amy Florence Morton, widow of Wilson Morton, one of the victims of the Wanstead disaster.

New Editor in Charge.

Rev. C. J. Bond, the new editor of the Christian Guardian, the organ of the Methodist church of Canada, assumed charge yesterday. With the new year the paper will come out in another form, the pages being half the present size and thirty-two instead of sixteen in number.

Fire Victim.

Quebec, Dec. 30.—A body, supposed to be that of Clara Wilson, one of the vicims of the recent Hotel Victoria fire, was discovered this morning by men who were clearing away the debris. The body is imbedded in debris, which encases it as if it were in cement plaster.

M. P. III.

Napanee, Ont., Dec. 31.—Uriah Wilson, M. P., Lennox, Conservative, is in a serious condition, suffering from catarrh of the stomach. His friends are alarmed.

Winnipeg Clearings.

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—The clearing house returns for the week ending December 31st are: Clearings, \$4,481,040; balance, \$934,423. For the corresponding week in 1901 the figures were: Clearings, \$4,313,885; balance, \$703,094, and for the same period in 1900, clearings, \$1,886,236; balance, \$229,179.

THE KIRCHEIMER CASE.

Chinese Tailors Swore They Bought Goods From the Accused—Other Witnesses Examined.

To the habitues of the police court the proceedings now in progress in connection with the Kircheimer hearing appear to possess all the elements of a "cause celebre," to use a Dreyfusard term. Sensational cases in this branch of the machinery of justice are infrequent, and even when they are before the court they lack many of the characteristics which stamp the present affair as peculiarly noteworthy.

In the first place probably never before has there been such an array of alleged booty on exhibition in the police court. In the second place several different charges have arisen out of one discovery resulting in the arrest of two people—one charged with stealing and supplying the goods, and the other with receiving and knowing them to have been stolen. It is hardly likely that the present case will be very long drawn, in fact from what was said yesterday there is every reason to believe that it will be finished to-day. Following this the other charge will be heard and if it lasts no longer than the present hearing the police court will be rid of the whole matter before the end of the week.

This morning when the hearing was resumed Messrs. Heaney and Lindsay, drivers for Mr. Heaney, gave evidence of having conveyed goods from Turner, Beeton & Co.'s establishment to Kircheimer. A couple of Chinese tailors swore that they purchased goods from the accused. In fact one of the witnesses whose commercial cognomen is Fook Sing, said he had bought a piece of goods which had been identified as the piece missing from the two bales seized on Monday week. The other witness stated that he had purchased two pieces of silesia from Kircheimer on Monday week about 1 o'clock for \$25. He had need about thirty yards of it. He identified the goods produced as those purchased by him.

William Lorimer, another witness, said he remembered Kircheimer coming to the store quite frequently, having inquired odd lots of goods bought by him. He had never inquired any goods of the class on exhibition in court in the past three months. If the accused had procured any he did it out of the regular order of business. He never sold any goods to Kircheimer.

Mr. Lorimer was subjected to a lengthy cross-examination by Mr. Powell, during the course of which he repeated that he had never sold anything to the accused. On one occasion Mr. Kircheimer brought to the store a

couple of rugs. These items were entered in his book, the money going into the treasury as cash. His brother never came to him for change for Kircheimer nor did his brother ever have any transaction with Kircheimer in his presence.

He remembered the accused purchasing a job lot of shawls in October. These were paid for at the office. Witness made out on the invoice, which was sent to the office. He went over to Kircheimer's house on the evening of Monday, the 22nd, to see if he couldn't straighten the trouble. He showed Kircheimer a list of the goods short, which was given him by either Mr. Belyea or Mr. Thompson, but he wasn't authorized by anybody to try and adjust the matter. He showed Kircheimer the list, and told him that if he would pay \$785, which was the estimated amount of the shortage, he thought the trouble could be settled. Kircheimer refused to say anything to do with the affair, and said that he purchased the items in the regular way.

Mr. Lorimer also said that he offered to make good the amount to the firm, but the latter couldn't see their way clear to accept it. Kircheimer came to Turner, Beeton & Co. quite frequently (two or three times a week), and invariably inquired for witness' brother. He had never seen the accused go out of the establishment with parcels in his arms.

Mr. Thompson was recalled and examined briefly, after which an adjournment was taken until this afternoon.

ANNUAL FESTIVITIES.

Sunday School Entertainments Held in Number of Churches Last Evening.

The Sunday school children of a number of the city churches had their usual Christmas treat last night. Entertainments were held in connection with the Metropolitan Methodist, Emmanuel Baptist, Knox Presbyterian, Spring Ridge Methodist, St. Barnabas and James Bay Presbyterian churches. The usual Christmas festivities were held at the Protestant Orphans' Home yesterday afternoon.

There was a large attendance at the Metropolitan Methodist Sunday school. The programme, although lengthy, was so arranged as to keep the interest of the children as well as the parents from the start. It consisted as usual of musical selections, dialogues, recitations, etc. The feature of the evening was undoubtedly the Christmas tree, and it took some time to distribute the many presents with which it was laden. This evening, from 7.30 to 10.45, the Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist church will hold their annual reception in the schoolrooms. Games will be provided, selections given by the Sunday school orchestra and refreshments will be provided. All are heartily invited. On Friday afternoon, from 3 to 6 o'clock, the children of the primary classes of the Sunday school will hold their annual Christmas tree.

The schoolroom of the Spring Ridge Methodist church was prettily decorated for the occasion. After the rendition of the Empress of Japan and the Korea, it will be seen that although it is correct to say that the Korea holds the record for the run between Yokohama and San Francisco, the blue ribbon of the Pacific is apparently still held by the Empress of Japan.

The schoolroom of the Spring Ridge Methodist church was prettily decorated for the occasion. After the rendition of the Empress of Japan there seems no doubt that the C. P. R. steamer is entitled to the honor. The Empress boat made the runs recorded in 1897, when she had been eight years in service. In that year she left Vancouver on the 20th of June and arrived in Yokohama on July 7th, at 1.35 p. m. The figures for the Korea are those of her maiden run to San Francisco from Yokohama. For comparison's sake we place them together as follows:

Empress Japan. Korea.  
Days. Miles. Miles.  
1st ..... 389 397  
2nd ..... 415 419  
3rd ..... 414 424  
4th ..... 423 422  
5th ..... 411 414  
6th ..... 411 414  
7th ..... 422 422  
8th ..... 420 436  
9th ..... 417 414  
10th ..... 415 392

## THE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST PLAGUE

### NEW REGULATIONS FOR FRISCO STEAMERS

Funnels to Be Placed on Hawser Lines  
to Prevent Introduction of  
Disease.

With the arrival of the steamship Umatilla from San Francisco on Sunday next a new quarantine regulation will go into effect. In view of the alarming conditions of health in the Bay City, Dr. A. T. Watt, superintendent of British Columbia quarantines, has communicated with the management, recommending that further precautions be taken to guard against the introduction into this province of infectious disease. In a general notice which has just been issued to all collectors and masters of vessels, he says:

Information, believed to be well founded, has reached the public health department that the effect of bubonic plague in San Francisco, among other malignant aspect and that cases of the pneumonic, type of the disease have recently occurred. Moreover the disease shows unmistakably that not much rater exists in the minds of mining camp in the early stages of its history and with respect to mineral products of great value.

The staple mineral product of coal, in spite of the depression caused by the reduction of fuel oil, has been gratifying in its amount. The following amounts have indeed been shipped during the year: New Vancouver Coal Co., Nalimo, 490,000 tons coal; Wellington Coal Co., 800,000 tons coal and 10,000 tons coke.

The Fernie mines produced during the year 41,000 tons of coal and 112,000 tons of coke.

In these amounts the coke production is each case is included in the cost of coal. While therefore 1,731,000 tons of coal have been mined in the province during the year, there have been roughly estimating, about 200,000 tons of this amount converted into coke, making 127,000 tons of this latter product.

RIJOUN'S CARGO.

American products to the value of \$600,000, chiefly from the states of Texas and Washington, constituted the cargo of the Rijoun Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, which sailed for the Orient yesterday. The Rijoun's freight is consigned to sixteen principal ports of Japan, China, Siberia, Corea, and India, as follows: Yokohama, Kobe, Shanghai, Hongkong, Osaka, Port Arthur, Tientsin, Kinkiang, Mohpo, Colombo, Tokyo, Hankow, Chemulpo, Manila, Moji and Singapore. His principal articles of shipment were: Machinery, firearms, castings, bicycles, wood pulp, manila board, photographic supplies, leather, cotton, flour, sheeting, dental appliances, tin, furniture, stationery, pianos, lead and silver.

MEETING ON SATURDAY.

The second annual meeting of the Victoria Sealing Company was held yesterday afternoon when the officers and old board of directors were re-elected. Accounts for the year were presented, but a statement of the prices obtained at the sales recently held in London was not submitted. This will be presented at another meeting to be held on Saturday evening, when the arrangements for the coming year will be considered. These were not even discussed at yesterday's meeting.

MARINE NOTES.

J. S. Vanburen, formerly agent of the Oriental & Occidental Steamship Company, at Hongkong, is to manage a new steamship line which is to consist of a monthly service between Hongkong and Mexico, via Honolulu and San Francisco.

Tacoma is to have a new steamer line making direct connections with Everett and Whatcom. The steamer which will be put on this run will be the Schome.

LECTURE AND TEA.

Enjoyable Sunday School Entertainment at Strawberry Vale Last Night.

A very pleasant and interesting time was spent in the Methodist church, Strawberry Vale, last evening.

The ladies of the congregation served tea from 6 to 8 o'clock, after which an interesting programme was rendered by the Sabbath school. Mrs. Etheridge deserves great credit for training the children. The following programme was given:

Opening selection, "All Hall the Power of Jesus Name"; prayer by the pastor, Rev. T. H. Wright; chorus, "Crown the Son of David"; solo, Miss Cassie Case; address, Noah Shakespeare; duet, Willie Jones and Regie Etheridge; chorus by the school; solo, Miss Maud West; chorus, Mrs. Jones's class; solo, Mabel Jones.

Postmaster Shakespeare complimented them on the singing and the successful work of the Sabbath school, and by way of encouraging the young people generously offered to give each scholar a New Year's gift. After the programme Herbert Cuthbert gave his interesting and instructive lecture, "The Canadian Wonderland," the audience thoroughly enjoying the pictures and the description of the various places of interest in British Columbia. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Cuthbert, and a large audience will welcome him whenever he can repeat his lecture in the vicinity.

At a meeting called under the auspices of the American Free Trade League at Buffalo, resolutions, of which a copy will be sent to each member of the United States Senate, were adopted, calling for a repeal of duties on coal and beef, in that these duties, by assisting the exports of monopoly or impeding relief from them, have proved a serious handicap to the United States people.

There are about 100,000 people in New York who cannot speak English. Many of these belong to the large Italian population.

Last year 136,455 Italian immigrants landed at the port of New York, the total immigration through the port for the year ending July 1st being 403,350, the largest on record.

The Kobe Chronicle speaking of the Imperial iron foundry in Japan, says it has proved a failure because of the United States' policy of protection. The government hopes to secure the privilege of working the rich Hangang iron mine in China.

## THE MINES OF VANCOUVER ISLAND

### THE YEAR'S OUTPUT AT VARIOUS CAMPS

Total Tonnage of Coal Mined in Province During the Last Twelve Months.

During the past year, while there has been a very large amount of work done in connection with the mines of Vancouver Island and adjoining Coast districts, it has been to very considerable extent confined to development work. Much has therefore been done which does not show in the actual shipments from mining properties. The shipments of ore from the mining camp in the early stages of its history are therefore in no way commensurate with the amount of work carried on.

This is specially true in the case of Vancouver properties, where opportunities have not been utilized to the best advantage. The smelters show unmistakably that not much raise exists in the minds of mining men with respect to mineral products of great value.

The staple mineral product of coal, in spite of the depression caused by the reduction of fuel oil, has been grat



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customers a bright  
and prosperous  
New Year.

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## Late Car Service

### New Year's Eve

To-night, New Year's Eve, cars will make late trips; last cars will leave the city for all points at 12:30.

### New Year's Night

A special car will leave Head street for the city at 2:30 a. m., after the dance to be given at the Barracks.

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## JURY'S VERDICT IN RAILWAY WRECK

### COLLISION CAUSED BY WRONG ORDERS

Cannot Agree as to Responsibility—The Canadian Northern to Be Rushed to the Coast.

Wyoming, Dec. 30.—The Wanstead inquest continued to-day, no evidence of a startling nature being given. James Smith, front brakeman on the freight, stated that the semaphore was not up against his train when it left Wyoming. James Troy, operator at Kingscourt, testified that it was his first night in charge at Kingscourt. Carson's order book was placed in evidence showing that orders had always been annulled in a regular way up to the night of the accident. The jury returned the following verdict: "We find that Arthur W. Rickerts was killed in the collision at Wanstead on the evening of December 28th, 1902; that said collision was caused by wrong orders being given No. 5 at Watford. As to the responsibility for this issuance of wrong orders we are not agreed upon as between Operator Carson and Dispatcher Kerr. We consider that the accident could have been avoided by the operator at Wyoming or Kingscourt junction had the railway company had more experienced operators at these points, one being but a boy of 16. At each of those places a dispatcher, having ample time to do it, could have endeavored to get the opposing trains stopped."

Prohibitionists.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Prohibitionists are to meet the Ontario government on January 25th, and demand that in view of the referendum vote the sale of intoxicating liquors in Ontario be abolished.

New Editor.

It is announced that Rev. J. A. Macdonald, editor of the Westminster, will succeed J. S. Wilson as editor of the Globe. He will commence his new duties as soon as he can conveniently sever his connection with the Westminster.

Damages Against Steamer.

Quebec, Dec. 30.—Damages were rendered in the Vice-Admiralty court this morning by Judge Routhier of \$18,000 against the Hamburg-American line steamship Westphalia. Last fall the steamship collided with the schooner Marie Ann in Quebec harbor, the captain and mate of the schooner being drowned. Of the damages \$10,000 go to their widows.

Fire.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 30.—Fire this morning damaged the McLaughlin building and contents to the extent of \$40,000. Seven firms had property damaged.

Will Rush Work.

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—Wm. McKenzie, president of the Canadian Northern, who arrived here to-day, said it was the intention of his company to push construction to the Coast as rapidly as possible. An Eastern connection from Port Arthur would also be rushed, as the surveyors had been on the ground all last summer.

Calgary Cattle Market.

The offer to Calgary of Telfer & Company, Montreal, to secure a monopoly of the cattle market in that city was considered by the council to-night. The company want 31 acres of land and the monopoly. The council propose that the company give the city \$1,000 a year after the first four years and three per cent. gross receipts, and if so, the deal will go through.

Will Reduce Cost.

Halifax, Dec. 30.—Marconi was banqueted by the citizens of Sydney to-night. In his speech Marconi said the Atlantic cable cost four millions and the wireless system cost two hundred thousand dollars. He contracted to send messages across the Atlantic at ten cents a word, but the day might come very soon when they could be sent at one cent a word.

### GASTRO AT CAPITAL.

Reply of Venezuela to Allies' Proposal is Expected Shortly.

Caracas, Dec. 30.—President Castro arrived here this morning. At 3 o'clock United States Minister Bowen called upon the President and communicated to him the recommendation that issues between Venezuela and the allies be taken to the international peace court at The Hague. Castro's answer will be received to-morrow.

Barquisimeto, capital of the state of Lara, and the towns of Sancarlao and Tinaquilla, which for some time past have been in the possession of Venezuelan revolutionists, have been recaptured by government forces. The revolutionists at Barquisimeto evacuated the town after losing 112 men killed and 325 wounded. There was hard fighting in the streets and suburbs of Barquisimeto. It transpired that President Castro's recent visit to La Victoria was for the purpose of conducting personally by telegraph the operations of his forces at Barquisimeto.

United States Minister Bowen has received information from the Dutch steamer Prins Maurits has entered certain Venezuelan ports blockaded by the British fleet and discharged her cargo. Special permission for the Dutch steamer to do this was obtained from Commodore Montgomery, of the British cruiser Charybdis. The Italian cruiser Giovanni Bausan ordered the Prins Maurits away from the port, but Commodore Montgomery directed that she continue to discharge her cargo. In Caracas this is held to be a discrimination against American steamers, and the British commodore's action has been criticized.

May Be Bombardeed.

London, Dec. 30.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Willemstad, Curacao, dated yesterday, says: "The postmaster of Maracaibo, Venezuela, having detained correspondence belonging to German merchants, the German cruiser Elbe threatened in consequence to bombard the town."

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. This signature *E. H. Morris* on every box.

Signor Mascagni, the Italian composer, was arraigned in court at Chicago on Tuesday on a charge of embezzling \$5,000 from his former manager, Richard Heard, of Boston. After hearing both sides, Justice Hurley immediately dismissed the charge.

"The pitcher that goes often to the well is broken at last." There's a world of wisdom in that familiar proverb, and a sound application of it to disease, especially to such familiar forms of disease as coughs and colds. Singularly enough the very thing that ought to cause alarm is given as excuse for a feeling of safety. "It's nothing; only a fever I've had before." The fact is that a cough periodically should be warning enough to take it seriously in time, for the most serious and disastrous of all maladies begins with a cough.

The use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery not only stops the cough, but cures the cause. It cures obstinate, deep-seated coughs, bronchitis, weak lungs, hemorrhages, diseases which if neglected or unskillfully treated find a fatal termination in consumption.

Accept no substitute for "Golden Medical Discovery." There is no other medicine "just as good" for weak lungs. "I was very sick indeed," writes Mrs. Mollie Jacobs of Preston Kent Co., Delaware, "and our doctor said I must die if I felt so bad. Had a bad cough, spit blood, was very short of breath, in fact could hardly get my breath at all sometimes. I've had it ever since my birth and thought, also had dyspepsia. Before I took your 'Golden Medical Discovery' and 'Pleasant Pellets' I was so weak I could not sweep a room, now I can do it. I've never had a cold since I've taken the medicine this fall, and I feel like a new person. I believe that the Lord and your medicine have given me a new lease of life. I am 70 years old. I took thirteen bottles of the 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and four vials of Dr. Pierce's Pellets."

Prof. Curschmann, of Leipzig, has been called to Dresden, Saxony, for consultation with the court physicians regarding the King's condition, which gives much concern to his family.

### CANADIAN TRADE.

United States Consul Says Dominion is Much in Evidence in England.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—The Telegram's London cable says: "The United States consul at Liverpool in his report on Anglo-American trade, says it would be unwise to dismiss the matter of Canadian competition as a bugaboo. Canada has never been so much in evidence in this country as during the current year."

SCHALKBURGHER'S LETTER.

Appeal to the Government to Remove Grievances.

Capetown, Dec. 30.—General Schalkburgher, former acting president of the Orange Free State, in an open letter, published in the Oosland, appeals to the government to be merciful to those who suffered as a result of their devotion to the Boer cause, and to remove the grievances which now make it impossible to live up to the motto, "Forgive and forget!" In conclusion General Schalkburgher expresses the hope that the people will show that the power of rule in South Africa lies in the Afrikaner, "who will remain loyal while righteously reigns and while his rightful portion is allotted him."

MISSIONARY WORK IN HONAN, CHINA

### Eve Tempted Adam.

And Adam has been tempting Eve ever since. Imagine a man selling a woman rancid butter while keeping her attention fixed on a "prize" given with the rancid butter! A woman may be tempted by "prizes" to buy common soaps, that she may not know will soon ruin her clothes and hands. But she soon finds out the difference between common soaps and Sunlight Soap. She finds Sunlight Soap—Octagon Bar—prize in itself. Her clothes last longer, and her hands are saved from sores.

PICTURE PUZZLE.



Find the hunter to whom these dogs belong.

### DR. GUINNESS RELATES EXCITING EXPERIENCES

Was a Passenger on Iyo Maru Yesterday—Tells of Narrow Escape From Death.

Twenty-four days of travel by the somewhat antiquated system in vogue in China and then a long voyage over the Pacific to Victoria is not all that a trip to America implies to the missionary leaving the interior of the Flowery Kingdom. It necessitates, according to Dr. Guinness, of the China home mission, who arrived here yesterday afternoon on the steamer Iyo Maru, a complete transition in the matter of dress and the abandoning of other foreign customs so important in the successful work of the missionary in inland China. Along the coast one is not obliged to don the unshapely habiliments, to grow the queue or adopt some of the numerous other characteristics of the Chinese, for reasons obvious. Inland, however, the missionary desirous of becoming in harmony with the life of the people do so by complying with as many of the customs of the people as their religious scruples will permit. In this way, said Dr. Guinness yesterday, they are not regarded as strangers, and their work is the more effective.

The body found yesterday morning, which could not be identified at the time, is proved to be that of M. S. Hall, the assayer. His father and brother-in-law arrived in the city to-day from Tekes, Wash., and carried the corpse to-morrow as far as Spokane, and home the following day. Three other bodies have been found, only one of which, Louis Broule, has been identified. No further developments have taken place at the mine. Hall's body was found near the bottom of the slide, over a mile away from the bunk house, and Broule about a hundred yards off, just past the end of the canyon, and the other bodies about half-way down the slide.

NEW GERMAN WARSHIPS.

Number Will Be Added to Navy During the Coming Year.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—Emperor William has telegraphed to Max Gilleaume, of the North German seacable works of Stettin, as follows: "I have learned with special pleasure of the launching of the first cable ship built at a German shipyard, and I express, in connection with the new German Atlantic cable, the hope that it will contribute towards strengthening more and more the good relations between Germany and the United States."

The naval budget for 1903 provides for laying down immediately two battleships, one armored cruiser, two small cruisers and five torpedo boats. Their construction is within the permanent naval programme. Two battleships now building will be completed in the summer of 1903, and three small cruisers will be finished early in 1904. These will have a steaming radius of 5,000 knots.

During 1904 four battleships, one armored cruiser, and one gunboat were commenced.

THE COAL COMMISSION.

Counsel For Non-Union Men Will Submit More Evidence.

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—A conference of anthracite coal operators and their attorneys was held here to-day to arrange for the presentation of the mine owners' side of the strike controversy to the commission when that body convenes here next Tuesday. Those represented were the Delaware & Hudson Company, the Philadelphia & Reading, N. Y., Ontario & W., John Markle, the independent coal operator of Hazleton, the Enterprise Coal Company, the Lehigh Valley, the Erie, Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, and the non-union mine workers. After the conference a statement was given out which stated that on Tuesday when the commission sits the non-union counsel would submit further testimony which will possibly consume a day or two, then the operators will open and proceed with evidence which will be presented by the coal companies. The presentation of the operators' side will consume ten of twelve days or two weeks, perhaps more.

The Doctor then proceeded to tell of some of the curious phases of Chinese life. "Give the Chinese a little touch of civilization and what a nation they would be. Naturally cheerful of disposition (sometimes under circumstances that would cause his Chinese brother overwhelming worry), of wonderful endurance and marvelous patience, the Chinese men have many traits of character in which they are unequalled. The Chinese, however, is always slow, and as a rule uncleanly."

Dr. Guinness has labored in the northern province of Honan during the past six years, making Kai Feng his headquarters. From there he traveled to civilization and western ideas of transportation. In a cart behind a span of mules, driven tandem, he rode three days before reaching Cheo Kialko. There he embarked in a house boat, the crude craft, so peculiar to Chinese waters, and came down to Chingiang-huan. At the latter place the house boat was abandoned for the wheelbarrow. Drawn by a man dressed in front and pushed by another behind, the passenger with legs astride the wheel came along without interruption for four days, the only stoppage made being for tea, which those operating the barrow required for refreshment about every hour. Afterwards taking a house boat to Wuhan, the remainder of the tour to Shanghai was made by steamer. From Victoria the Doctor will proceed home to England. He has had an attack of diphtheria, and when completely revived in strength will return to Honan with just as much enthusiasm as he ever had in the missionary work. This work he reports is making very satisfactory progress, and the Boxer troubles have not been without some good results, for among other things the insurrection has brought the ignorant classes to a realization of the power of the missionaries. The missions burned down and otherwise destroyed are as a general rule not being reconstructed. Native houses are used as places of worship, and they seem to serve the purpose to perhaps a better advantage. Dr. Guinness believes that quiet has now been restored throughout China.

The Empress, he significantly remarked, is on the throne, and trouble may occur at any time, but at Pekin all the legations are fortified and have

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## WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 31.—5 a.m.—The pressure continues low over British Columbia and the Northwest provinces, and a moderately high barometric area of general low pressure to the northward over disturbance appears to be approaching the Vancouver Island and Washington coast. Snow had fallen in Cariboo and eastern Oregon, and rainfall has been general throughout. In the Northwest the weather is fair and moderately cold, with fresh westerly winds in Alberta, Assinibina and Manitoba.

## Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Thursday, Victoria and vicinity—Moderate rain, possibly heavy at times; wind, mild, variable.

Lower Mainland—Light or moderate scattered winds, cloudy and mild, with rain.

## Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.79; temperature, 40; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, 43; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.82; temperature, 40; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, 45; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.72; temperature, 33; minimum, 30; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.74; temperature, 10; minimum, 8; wind, calm; snow, 20; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, 44; minimum, 42; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, cloudy.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.54; temperature, 26; minimum, 22; wind, calm; weather, clear.

## PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Majestic from the Sound—

to Smith, Mrs Sampson, F. M. Leonard and wife, Miss Ward, Miss Fenn, Mrs Miller, Mr. Bertram J. Scott and wife, Frank, Moffit, H. C. Sair, P. O'Connor, J. Albert, Mrs. Gill, C. E. Lingquist, F. Blatt, Miss Ryan, Miss Spanott, Mrs Goldsmith and child, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. F. Green, J. Aldon, E. Berger, E. Russel, G. Myer, S. Morrow, Jas. Shifer, J. F. Asken, D. Lodger, A. Campbell, A. Myers, F. Baughman, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Ross, J. C. Curran and wife, Schub, W. T. Hardwick, F. Martin and wife, J. Callison, Sommer, T. D. Aldred, "Telephone Girl" Co. of 21 people.

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## TORONTO MINING EXCHANGE.

(Published by the Stewart Robertson Co., Ltd., Successors to A. W. More &amp; Co., Ltd., Mining Brokers, 23 Broad St.)

Toronto, Dec. 31.—The following were the closing quotations on the Mining Exchange to-day:

Asked. Bid.

Black Tall ..... 9 7

Canadian G. F. S. ..... 4 3

Cariboo McKinney ..... 19 17

Cariboo Hydraulics ..... 40 37½

Centre Star ..... 40 37½

Trevor Pass Coal ..... \$100 75 3¾

A. New Corp. ..... 5 5

Widow Crown ..... 5 5

Tate ..... 15 12½

Tremie Mask ..... 8 8

Lone Pine-Surprise Con. ..... 8 8

Morning Glory ..... 3 3

Morrison Coal ..... 15 11

North Star ..... 84 74

Payne ..... 10 8

Hamber Cariboo Con. ..... 32 28

Republie ..... 6 5

St. John ..... 5 5

Virtue ..... 8 8

War Eagle Con. ..... 10½ 10½

White Bear ..... 2½ 2½

Wimberley ..... 4 4

Wise ..... 4 4

Dom. Cons. ..... 4 4

St. Eugen ..... 22 15

Toronto Sales To-day.

War Eagle—500 at 10.

Canadian Goldfields—1,000 at 3%.

Rossland Sales Yesterday.

Homestake—2,000 at 2%.

Cariboo McKinney—2,000 at 18%.

Rambler Cariboo—1,000 at 32.

Tom Thumb—2,000 at 4%.

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Jackson &amp; Co. and Hall &amp; Co.—139.

By the wreck of a freight train on the Chicago, Indianapolis &amp; Louisville railroad, at Quincy, Ind., the engineer, fireman and brakeman were killed. A switch lock had been broken, it is supposed, by tramps and the switch turned.

In a letter dated December 16th, Andrew Carnegie offers to give \$65,000 to build a branch library at Liverpool. His offer will be submitted at the next meeting of the city council.

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## INLAND REVENUE COLLECTIONS.

The returns of the Victoria inland revenue department for the year ending to-day are as follows:

	Spirits.	Malt.	Tobacco.	Bur. Tax.	Chanc.	Licenses	Hab. Receipts.	Total.
January	\$ 7,083.51	1,705.68	\$ 2,045.00	\$ 36.20	\$ 227.80	\$ 12.812.94		\$ 12,812.94
February	7,649.37	1,863.94	2,210.88	43.30	750.00	12,922.49		12,922.49
March	7,000.53	1,814.98	3,186.50	240.80	812.00	12,872.99		12,872.99
April	8,643.53	2,140.98	3,526.00	312.00	947.70	17,718.93		17,718.93
May	10,084.40	2,547.08	3,280.00	424.40	1,187.10	43.73	14,255.60	14,255.60
June	8,433.88	1,772.50	2,380.00	292.00	743.10	1,080.00		1,080.00
July	9,219.19	2,508.56	2,705.70	300.00	871.50	15.13	16,357.41	16,357.41
August	11,202.53	2,614.00	2,900.50	306.00	948.00	20,400.23		20,400.23
September	14,102.58	2,636.78	2,900.87	432.20	962.40	49.00	14,700.43	14,700.43
October	9,194.38	1,948.72	2,127.75	354.50	889.40	75.00	14,307.92	14,307.92
November	10,281.48	1,826.19	1,671.75	511.10	889.40	75.00	14,307.92	14,307.92
December	12,500.00	1,664.08	1,412.75	354.50	920.00	10.00	16,861.33	16,861.33
	Totals							
	\$115,464.86							
	\$25,125.64							
	\$4,067.62							
	\$10,570.33							
	\$1,872.70							
	\$184,956.87							

The year's loss is the smallest in 16 years, or since the paid department was inaugurated. The year 1889 comes next with \$8,560, and a total of 34 alarms.

The showing is certainly a very gratifying one so far, and although outbreaks are always liable to occur, it is to be hoped that the fire find will remain in obscurity until at least to-morrow. The chief will be slightly relieved if no conflagration occurs to mar the year's magnificent record.

Mr. Tuck, 1 story frame building, addition to Roccella, Churchway, \$700.

Thos. Tubman, 2 story frame building on lot facing Linden avenue, \$2,100.

Todd &amp; Son, alterations to building corner Douglas and Pandora streets (more rooms upstairs), \$500.

Mrs. Jane Talbot, 2 story frame building, corner of Pandora and Cook streets, \$2,000.

Union Club, 2 story addition on north side, \$3,000; also 3 story brick building with slate roof, Douglas street, \$4,500.

Victoria West Athletic Association, frame building with galleries, corner of Edward and Catherine streets, \$1,000.

Joe Willard, 1 story frame building, facing old Esquimalt road, \$900.

W. T. Williams, 1½ story frame dwelling, corner of Linden avenue and Belcher street, \$2,000.

Mrs. Whitely, 1 story frame building, Yates street, \$1,500.

O. Weller, 2 story frame building on Carr estate property, facing Park, \$5,500.

F. Mills, 1 story frame building, brick foundation, Chatham street, \$1,400.

Mrs. F. B. Wilson, 2 story frame building, corner of Linden and Belcher street, \$2,000.

D. Zarelli, 2 story frame building, Johnson street (\$800 each), \$1,600.

W. H. Bridge, 1 story frame building, Henry street, \$1,200.

R. Tate, building on Oswego street, \$1,500.

Geo. and Francis Brown, 1 story frame building on Fort street, \$3,000.

J. W. Butler, 2 story frame building on Bench street, \$1,800.

P. Babington, frame house, corner Government and Henry streets, \$2,500.

G. S. Carr, 1 story frame building on Carr and Battery streets, \$1,000.

F. J. Cochener, 2 story frame dwelling, Frederic street, \$1,800.

Mrs. Boddy, 1½ story brick house on old Esquimalt road and Walker street, Victoria West, \$1,500.

P. Babington, frame house, corner Government and Henry streets, \$2,500.

G. S. Carr, 1 story frame building on Carr and Battery streets, \$1,000.

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## PAST AND FUTURE.

To-day we close the book of the year, after a hasty glance at the past, and prepare to open a new volume. Nineteen hundred and two has brought the usual average quota of good and ill to humanity. There have been wars and accidents by sea and land to assist time and nature in the work of obliteration. Badges of mourning are worn by multitudes, especially in the newest and the oldest portions of the Empire, where the hand of affliction has fallen very heavily. Even in the places where peace abounds the silent procession with its mournful trappings has never ceased to move. But in the midst of all the note of joy and hope has been dominant.

Much though the thoughtful may deplore the fact, it is a fact that the spirit of materialism is still in the ascendant at the close of this second year of the century. Possibly it would be wrong to say that this spirit is stronger than it was at a time when the masses were more disposed to accept the dogmas and the creeds of the churches without question. But we are more prone than our forefathers to rejoice over evidences of national, material progress because statisticians are abroad and we are provided with means of comparison which the men of earlier days did not possess. Our foreign trade as a people is weighed in the balance regularly and the progress made duly noted. The materialism of Canadians is of the patriotic kind which rejoices in evidences of the great things in store for their beloved land. The future has been opened to their view, and they behold with the eye of faith their children as one of the great nations of the world. Never in the history of their country have Canadians had so much reason to regard the future of their country with complacency as at the present time. The progress in all lines of industry since 1890 has been truly marvellous. It has been felt by cautious men that a check was bound to fall upon this progress in the immediate future. Our Finance Minister has felt it incumbent upon himself to urge caution; that it was extremely probable that the crest of the wave had been reached. But the warning voice need not have been raised. The current gathers strength as it flows. The year which closes to-day has been one of the busiest in the history of the country. And as we turn our backs upon the past and strive to catch a glimpse of what the new year has in store for us, there is scarcely a threatening cloud to be observed upon the horizon. There will undoubtedly be temporary checks, the result of unfavorable seasons or disturbed condition of the markets, but confidence in the soil and climate of the hope of the Dominion—the West—has been permanently established, and it has been decreed that we shall always go forward.

We also believe the tribulations of the province in which we are most directly interested are about at an end. We have passed through a period of hard times—or what we of the West are disposed to call hard times. A vis-

itor from the crowded centres of Eastern America or any part of Europe would have some difficulty in finding in Victoria any evidences of poverty such as it had been his lot to contemplate. But the progress in this province has not been up to expectations. Perhaps we have been too sanguine. In our case there is a strong probability that the tide has turned. There is no doubt whatever about the wealth of the country nor about the brightness of our prospects when we have solved the problems of economic production and sure and steady markets such as the farmers of all Canada are now assured of have been secured. The future is indeed bright with hope. May that hope be more than realised, and peace, prosperity and happiness attend Canada, the Empire and the world during the coming year.

## EXHIBITION ACCOUNTS.

The Mayor is not saying much about municipal affairs these days. He is a discreet man as well as a wily one. The less discussion there is the better. His Worship will be pleased, because the better he will stand before the rate-payers. His organ has adopted a like course. It is also wise in its generation. But neither the Mayor nor the Colonist need hope to sidetrack certain matters it is important the public should be informed upon. The connection of His Worship with the deficit shown in the exhibition accounts must be discussed, and will be thoroughly established. Mr. Hayward, it is said, overruled all majorities and entered into contracts for "attractions" which proved comparatively unattractive and which, if His Worship's ordinary good sense had not been blinded by his intense desire to pave the way for another term as the head of the corporation, he could not but have foreseen would have proved failures from the only standpoint on which they could be judged. His Worship was most careful at the time to publish the fact that he was the enterprising individual who was instrumental in securing the "attractions" alluded to. He is not saying much about such matters now. It looks very much as though in his anxiety to further his own personal ambitions he has killed the industrial exhibition, besides involving the ratepayers in liabilities to a considerable amount. It would certainly be a political mistake for His Worship or his newspaper advocate to utter a word that would draw public attention to these things.

We think we are perfectly justified in assuming that His Worship has had a political motive in all his movements, at least during the past year. He knew pretty well that his own words when he said no man should seek to monopolize the Mayor's chair would be brought up against him. Therefore he has been scheming most assiduously to make his election sure. We do not think the Colonist need be offended at our saying it knew the weak point of His Worship and that it collected its account by a skillful punch on that solar plexus point. At any rate we are quite sure no private individual creditor of the exhibition association could have delivered the blow with the same satisfactory result. It is well to have a good, true and trusted newspaper friend when one is running for any office in the gift of the people. We know the secretary of the exhibition association refused to recognise any priority of claims against the monies in the treasury. He was ordered by his superior officers to prepare the necessary voucher. It is not at all discreditable to the Colonist that it had such a "pull." It is a tribute to the potency and power of the press. Nevertheless there was discrimination. That discrimination is bound to arouse resentment, and we are not surprised that His Worship and his organ are desirous that the matter should not be unnecessarily stirred up.

## GREAT CHRISTMAS STORY WRITER.

Americans claim that Santa Claus crossed the ocean before the days of the great Peter Stuyvesant, and from a comparatively obscure figure in a limited Dutch circle has increased and multiplied until at a stated season of the year he dominates the civilized earth. That is, the spirit of benevolence, thankfulness, joyfulness, hope and good-fellowship which is so largely developed at this season of the year originated, like much else that is uplifting in its tendencies, in the United States. It is even said that the great man who with his luminous pen revived, if he did not actually create, the Christmas spirit, received the inspiration for his enthralling tales in the course of his travels in America. It is perhaps just as well to let the matter rest at that. Despite the merciless manner in which Charles Dickens exposed what he conceived to be wrong and unjust and oppressive in the "institutions" of the republic, he is the most widely read and the most popular author in the United States to-day. The average American evidently prefers "breadth" in his humor. The work of the keen, penetrating, incisive blade of Thackeray, polished by contact with the equally keen spirits of Punch, notwithstanding the American spirit which pervades the "Virginians," is not so thoroughly appreciated as the broad, uproarious spirit which permeates the average Dickens volume. In select circles Thackeray is regarded as exquisite; Dickens is

irresistible, and the irresistible force prevails.

At this season of the year there is always a Dickens revival in the United States, especially in the neighborhood of New York and Boston. John Hollingshead writes as follows in the New York Times about the great author:

The attempt to diagnose the causes of Charles Dickens's comparatively early death at the age of fifty-eight, mostly made by friends and intimates, has led to little more than one opinion—overwork, overwork, and always overwork, mental and physical. No one who looks at the vast gallery of living portraits which he has given to the world can require to be told that these pictures were created by long, intense, and corroding labor—labor that never ceased, night or day, labor that concealed much of its effort, and showed the least in the mere surface process of transmission to paper. Many of these creations were worse than nightmares, as all strong characters in fiction must necessarily be. They were nightmares. They were with him in his long, and what seemed to me to be dull, mechanical walks, governed by milestones and timed by a stop-watch. He was glad of a congenial companion to exercise these spirits. They came back to him in the evening, and in the dead of night they often moved him to rise and walk that long tramp's tramp of twenty-seven miles from Tavistock square to Gadshill, through the mists of early morning. Those who see no "wear and tear" in all this must be singularly ignorant of nervous organizations such as Dickens possessed and which probably killed Shakespeare at fifty-two, setting aside the legend of the carom under the mulberry tree with Ben Jonson.

In writing his strongest characters Charles Dickens always acted them. He could hardly do otherwise with his dramatic temperament and the dramatic nature of his works. Why more drama have never been manufactured out of the works is found in the fact that they contained too much dramatic and "objective" material rather than too little. From this creation of dramatic fiction the step to dramatic recitation was easy and simple. It was always a mistake to call these efforts "readings." They were the most dramatic of recitations—"Stage-plays," within the minute technical meaning of the act. The "Christmas Carol" was a mere diversion, pleasant, genial, and not too taxing like the book itself—a poem in prose. If he only had stopped at that, but he hankered after the intense and melodramatic. Against the advice of a small body of friends he selected the episode of Bill Sikes, from "Oliver Twist." This (according to my opinion, and I was present at the private performance) was his death warrant. I was probably one of the few persons present who knew this drama on the stage and this exacting character. I saw it repeated at the Victoria theatre before it was repressed by the Lord Chamberlain's department. The "Mistletoe and Nancy" with a powerful actor like E. P. Savile, a brother of Lady Martin (Miss E. Fauci) as Bill Sikes, provoked the gallery and upper parts of the house every night to such an extent that the 2,000 rabid and ragged playgoers rose as one man and nearly destroyed the theatre with a tornado of blasphemy.

I have strong and perhaps peculiar opinions about Bill Sikes in this connection. I may possibly be wrong; but I regard Bill Sikes as Dickens's Frankenstein "monster." I could say much more, but it is not for an old disciple to say too much about his acknowledged master.

Perhaps there was a time when duelling was a dangerous pastime in France. The last element of danger has been removed. In the last great contest with swords the weapons were subjected to antiseptic treatment. Bullets cannot be treated in that way. There will be no more duels fought with pistols unless some uncivilized foreigner with an unnatural, barbarian thirst for gore, breaks into the circle.

To-morrow being New Year's Day the Times will not be issued. We take this opportunity of wishing our readers and friends a Very Happy New Year, with many more of them to follow.

Sam Blake thinks the Premier of Ontario, Hon. G. W. Ross, should be defeated and Mr. J. P. Whitney installed in the position. The Blakes always were—well, eccentric.

WEAR CLOTHING OF MEN.

Buffalo Masquerader Says She Knows Twenty Others.

"Harry" Gorham, the woman who for twenty years has managed an inn, and whose sex was revealed when she was placed on an operating table in a Buffalo hospital after falling on the ice and breaking her leg, is well known. She knows twenty women in Buffalo who wear men's clothing and hold men's positions.

"Four of these women are employed by the New York Central Railroad," said "Harry." "I am a woman who likes to travel, and the most laborious kind of work—they are baggage men, who load big trunks on cars. They are as muscular as the ordinary men, and won't have any terror of them. I know these women well. We had no regular organization, but we ran across each other once in a while, and over our best and easiest saloons we have had many a good laugh with our men. You know men consider themselves smart. Well, sometimes a woman can fool them. I fooled them, and other women, too, into fooling them right here in Buffalo every day."

"I passed for a man more than twenty years. When I got out of the hospital I tried to get a job, but she wouldn't hire me because women's clothes. I'd be first. I hear that they're going to arrest me as soon as I get out of the hospital. Well, let them jail me as soon as I get out. I'll be a man again. I couldn't be like a woman if I tried."

Rev. Thomas B. Berry, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, called to see the Rev. George Gorham, and she refused to see him. The clergymen wanted to persuade her to don women's clothes on leaving the hospital. "Tell the clergymen for Harry," said Gorham. "She is a woman in the world who some time or other has not wished that she was a man. Ask him if he ever heard of a man who wished he had been born a woman."

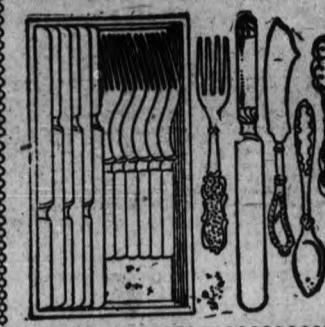
"I am a woman for three years a regular customer at a saloon, and she dropped in almost every evening after work and drank three or four glasses of beer. She generally smoked a cigarette and smoked a pipe, and cigars and drink two or three beers or high

spirits."

Experiments recently made have demonstrated that the brain is susceptible to peculiar influence from electricity.

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Will begin on Monday, January 5th, at 9 o'clock a. m. We have all the reason in the world to congratulate ourselves on our past success. We have been successful because of the earnestness, competency and enthusiasm of our staff of five teachers. We have been successful because we have taken a personal interest in each of our students' studies and future, as we have never let go of a student till success crowned our efforts. We do not like the word "fail." We have been successful because of our practical methods of teaching office work and accounting. It is well known that we use neither text books nor patent make-believe systems; our work is as real as the work of a commercial office.

While our rates are payable in advance for the full course, we are willing to help anyone who cannot afford to pay the money down, to pay it in installments, if the student binds himself for the full course. We want no half time students. (A half baked cake is no cake at all.)

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We wish you all the compliments of the season, and thank all those who have helped to make this year's business reach figures beyond our expectations, and we hope by fair dealings to be able to say the same next year.

Our store will be open this evening

### What 10c will buy to-night

Inkstands, Souvenirs of Victoria, Hair Receivers, Photo Frames, And a lot of imperfect, worth 15c. to 35c.

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Paper Weight, Pin Trays, Ash Trays, Ink Stands, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Glassware, Silk Four-in-Hand Ties, Books, etc.

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### City News in Brief.

John Labatt's Pale Ale is sparkling purity.

In the happy holiday days the ideal drink is John Labatt's crystal Indian Pale Ale. For sale by Dixi H. Ross & Co., Erskine, Wall & Co. and Saunders Grocery Co., Ltd.

—His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor will, at Government House, hold a reception from 3 to 6 p.m. on New Year's Day. From 3 to 6 p.m. to-morrow Mayor Hayward will be at his residence to receive New Year's callers.

—Watchnight services will be held to-night in the Metropolitan Methodist church, commencing at 11 o'clock, and also at St. James's church, James Bay, commencing at 11:30. Services will be held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

—On Monday evening the pupils of Miss R. Stoddard, A. V. C. M., gave a musical at the studio, when the following took part: Miss M. Hodge, Miss A. Hodge, E. Flett, M. Scott, E. John, M. Flett, J. Fullerton, J. Scott, M. Stemler, H. Morrison, N. Tagg, B. Danes, R. Scott, H. Stemler, B. Gratzwol, Ernest Sprague, Thornton Fullerton, Sybil Hawkesley and Leslie Hawkesley.

—The tender for the new school house at Esquimalt has been awarded to Geo. Snider, of this city, his being the lowest tender. The new school will be a two story brick building of three rooms, situated at the head of Lampson street, Esquimalt. The work will be rushed to completion, and will soon be ready for occupation. The contract for the small school building at Matsqui was also awarded by the government, the contract going to Thos. Lord, of New Westminster. This school is a one room building, and will be built at once.

The Fernwood Rugby team to play the Victoria intermediates on New Year's day will be chosen from the following: W. Peden, R. Daly, F. Jones, A. Shattock, R. Peden, P. J. Noot, W. P. Marchant, E. A. Gallop, H. Thrall, W. Thrall, H. B. Marchant, H. Shandley, A. Peden, J. Hancock, H. Claryards, P. Winch, H. Macmillan, W. Macmillan, F. Moore, B. Robertson, C. McEwen, W. Blackstock and J. H. Griffith. All the above mentioned are requested to be on hand at 10 sharp New Year's morning. Br. E. A. Gallop has been asked to captain the Fernwood team. The Fernwood will wear the club colors—amber and black. The game will take place at the Caledonia grounds.

—Another "Picturesque Victoria" has been brought out, and this newest addition to the list, judging by the excellence of its contents, will be as useful as any of its predecessors in making known the charms of this city. The volume referred to is a striking booklet which Hibben & Co. have had printed, containing over 30 views of the city and its environs. Hunting, fishing and camping views are included among the better known scenes of the place, as well as a few of Vancouver and of points along the C. P. R. The cover contains a pretty view of the entrance to Victoria harbor.

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—At the Masonic Temple last evening the annual installation of officers of Vancouver-Quanda Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., took place. Harry Smith, D. D. G. M., of Duncans, acted as installing officer, and was assisted by M. W. Bass, D. Wilson, E. B. Paul, Geo. Glover, J. Phillips, Thos. Shattock and W. Daly. The following were the officers installed: W. M., Bro. W. G. Pope; S. W. Bro. J. J. Randolph; J. W., Bro. Arthur W. Currie; treasurer, Bro. B. S. Heisterman (re-elected); secretary, R. B. McMillan; S. D., Bro. H. M. Graham; J. D., Bro. Leonard Tait; L. G., Bro. H. J. Scott; S. S., Bro. Andrew McAfee; J. S., Bro. E. H. Russell; chaplain, Rev. H. J. Woods; D. of C., Bro. Prof. Crawford; organist, Bro. Prof. Haynes; tyler, Bro. F. Stockham (not a member). The lodge presented M. W. Bros. A. Walkley with a past master's jewel in recognition of his services. Bro. Walkley acknowledged the gift. On the completion of the ceremonies a banquet was served, over 100 guests being present.

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Sportsmen have but another day to pursue pheasant and quail. The season for ducks will close on the 1st of March.

—For every \$1.00 purchased from now till the New Year the purchaser will receive a pair of embossed wrist counters at W. H. Pennock, 64 Yates street.

—Up to 2 o'clock this afternoon there were registered 1,255 licenseholders and householders. The city assessor will be at his office from 7 to 9 this evening to take additional names.

—Is there an ill wind that blows nobody any good?" and the present muddy weather is a boon to the makers of door mats. It is impossible to do without one. Weller Bros. have them from 50c. to \$3.50.

—The delay in the High school building not being taken off the hands of the contractor is not caused by Thomas Catterall failing to carry out his work. It is due to medication being required in the heating apparatus provided.

—This morning a deputation from the board of trade, consisting of S. J. Pitts, C. H. Todd, R. Machin and J. A. Mara, waited upon the government and laid before them the need of a more centrally located office for the agent-general in London. The members of the delegation pointed out the necessity for having the office within easy reach of the business sections of the city of London. The government promised to give the matter careful attention.

—The meeting in the interests of Ald. McCandless, candidate for the mayoralty, will be held on Saturday last evening at 8 o'clock, as first announced. The postponement has been made owing to the Victoria-Columbia Masonic installation banquet and several other gatherings which are to be held on the former evening. The meeting will be held at 89 Douglas street, Odd Fellows' building, and doubtless the supporters of Ald. McCandless will turn out in force.

—The amount paid in cash dividends to policy-holders by The Mutual Life of Canada in the year 1901 exceeded by many thousands of dollars that of any other Canadian company. The Reserve Fund held by The Mutual Life of Canada is higher than the Dominion government standard; its percentage of expenses to income is the lowest of any company doing business in Canada, while its premium rates are the lowest of any of the old line companies. Before insuring elsewhere call at 84 Broad street, and obtain the rates and plans of The Mutual Life of Canada. R. L. Drury, Provincial Manager.

SANTA CLAUS IN COUNTRY.

Entertainments in Saanich, Mayne Island and Sooke—Excellent Programmes.

A very successful entertainment was held in the Methodist Sunday school, North Saanich, when Santa Claus delighted the teachers and pupils by his well-known generosity. An excellent programme was rendered, and all present heartily enjoyed themselves.

The annual Christmas tree celebration in the Mayne Island school as usual furnished enjoyment for both children and older people. The schoolroom had been very prettily decorated by the schoolmaster, S. E. Roe, Mrs. Roe and their friends, and much credit is due Mrs. Roe for the creditable way in which the children conducted themselves. Mr. Richard McBride, M. P. P., was voted to the chair, and made a happy little speech. An excellent programme was rendered.

The Christmas tree and entertainment at the Sooke school district in Charter's hall, Sooke, was a very enjoyable affair. A large number of people attended, and the affair was in every sense a success.

Their splendid programme the school children showed the benefit of the careful training of their teacher, Miss Boorman. Especially was the care of Miss Boorman evident in the school songs, the drill and in the recitation "Mrs. Notage and Her Cat." "The Dolly's Doctor," by Fred Milne, was enjoyed by all. After the programme games were played and refreshments served. At 11:30 p.m. the candle on the Christmas tree were lighted, and "a Dutch Santa Claus" with his big pipe came upon the scene. The antics and the broken English of Santa were very amusing. The presents that the old gentleman distributed to the children were both useful and pretty. A grab bag was provided for the older folks. It was interesting to watch the faces of some of the children when they drew hair pins and combs, and ironing. At the close of the entertainment dancing was indulged in by those who remained.

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## CHAPTER XVIII.

Time and Change.

At the end of a fortnight Basil and Phil found themselves comfortably settled at St. Moritz. They made the journey by easy stages. They spent a day in London, though Basil did not go far from his rooms. Two days in Brussels, stay in Basle, three days at Davos, so over the Fluela Pass to St. Moritz.

'Or the first day or two Basil was weary and in the main silent. The depression was surely passing away, but now and then it seemed to recoil on him, and for hours on the stretch would scarcely speak a word. But a passion of death was no longer upon him, the instinct of life once more held the throne.

Phil appeared to take no notice of Basil's fits of silence, and when they got into fresh scenery, especially when they got into the high altitude among the mountains, it soon became clear to him that Basil was rapidly recovering tone. So he inwardly rejoiced but said nothing.

Two subjects Basil steadily avoided—himself and Dorothy. He made no allusion to his illness, never gave a hint that he felt depressed. Later it seemed to him like a hideous dream which he was anxious to forget.

For several weeks the subject of work was not alluded to. They were out for a holiday. They spent all the time they possibly could in the open air, and there could be no doubt they were benefiting by it.

The thermometer registered many degrees of frost every night. The snow lay deep over everything, but the air was so crisp and dry, the sky was so blue, and the sunshine so brilliant that they were scarcely ever conscious of the cold. There was no lack of amusements, skating parties, tobogganing parties, skating parties, tobogganing parties were the order of the day.

Phil had not the physical strength of Basil had, and so took things more easily. Sitting on the balcony with his coat wrapped in rugs he watched the others at their play when he did not feel equal to taking part.

Basil after a week or two threw himself into every kind of game with wonderful zest and enthusiasm. Phil had need to question him concerning his health. All the old brightness came back to his eyes and the color to his cheeks, and often his laugh rang out as merrily as in the happy old days of the t.

There was another subject that was discussed, though it began to occupy Phil's thoughts, and that was religion. tried to put it aside. He thought it was a subject he had done with; he outgrew it as he had outgrown his sins.

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"Perhaps I have no right to ask any questions," she said, blushing painfully; "but I should not like to feel that I had been the cause of his illness."

"That is a matter I cannot take upon myself to decide," he answered with considerable hesitation.

"I know it looks on the surface as though I had treated him very badly," she said, regaining her courage somewhat.

"On that point I fear he is fully convinced," he answered.

"Yes," she said, with a pathetic look in her eyes. "I suppose that is inevitable. But he has quite got over it, and there was an anxious tone in her voice as she put the question.

"That also is a question I cannot answer," he replied, slowly. "Some wounds never heal, but since they are kept out of sight, the world knows nothing about them."

"Then he does not allude to the matter?"

"No, your name is never mentioned." She gave a little sigh, but it was so faint that even he did not hear it, and then relapsed into silence.

Phil looked at her from time to time, but he was in no humor to continue the subject. It was clear enough to him that she still loved Basil. Hers was one of those natures that do not easily change. If he felt a momentary pang of jealousy, it was only because he was human. Dorothy was so sweet, so patient, so gentle that he could not keep his heart altogether in check; and the thoughts had been unkind to him in many ways.

A week later he walked across to Sandhurst, and as Mr. Cleveland was away on his farm and Mr. Plenty was with Elizabeth, he had Dorothy all to himself. The weather being beautifully fine, they rambled in the garden amongst the flowers, and then strayed away across the park in the shadows of a line of tall elm trees; but he got no consolation out of his ramble. Dorothy's thoughts were back in the past. Everything reminded her of those other days—nearly two years ago—when she used to walk by Basil's side in the shadow of the same trees. She did her best to keep the conversation from flagging; but Phil's love-sharpened eyes were quick to see that though she was with him in bodily presence, her thoughts were somewhere else.

"What is Mr. Plenty?" Phil questioned.

"Oh, I had forgotten—you have been away so long! He is our new curate."

"And in what way has he done her good?"

"Well, in many ways. I think he believes in faith healing up to a certain point. At any rate, he is a very good man, and he comes several times a week and prays with her, and she is always better for his visits. He doesn't mean spiritually only, but physically."

"Indeed?"

"Of course, one does not expect to be surprised. The early informants performed wonderful cures by their methods, and the laymen, moreover, we are told in the New Testament, are the sick."

"It would be interesting to return again to Apostolic methods," he said after a pause.

"They may never come together again," he reflected; "probably they are a merry ripple of light-headedness on the stretch we go through."



## TIMES DAILY FASHION HINTS.

Monte Carlo coat in a delicate shade of biscuit color. It has very large sleeves and a pelting up. The cape is trimmed with heavy lace and with five vertical strips, which are widest at the lower edge, where they end in points. These straps are decorated with stitching and with tiny buttons, which also form a finish for the cuffs and collar.

laughter that used to rouse her presence was no longer heard. Moreover, when she walked it was with a slower step, as though she felt weary with a long journey, and when she sat still a tired expression came into her eyes.

"And did you bring Mr. Pendarvis back with you?" Mr. Cleveland blurted out after a pause.

"No, he preferred to stay where he was." He saw Dorothy start and the color mount suddenly to her neck and face; but he did not appear to notice her.

"He's busy painting another picture, I suppose?"

Dorothy turned her face suddenly, and an eager light came into her eyes.

"No; he's doing nothing," Phil answered.

"Nothing?"

"I hope he'll begin again after a while," Phil went on without hearing the last question. "But I am not sure that Elizabeth appears to do."

"Of course, if she is getting better under his prayers and the laying on of his hands, she will have a reason for her faith," he answered.

"Yes, that is what I think."

"And is he benefiting sick people in other parts of the parish in the same way?"

"Well, I am not sure of that. I understand there must be a certain receptivity on the part of the patient."

"And Elizabeth is perhaps, one of the most receptive?" Phil inquired.

"I think that is so," was the reply.

For several minutes there was silence, then Phil remarked: "It must be a comfort to you, in any case, that your sister is improving in health."

"It is a very great comfort indeed. She does not need nearly so much attention as she did."

"Which means more liberty for you?"

"Exactly. You see I have left her this afternoon without any misgiving."

"And she is quite alone?"

"Oh, no," and a smile spread over Dorothy's face like a gleam of sunshine.

"Mr. Plenty called just before we came out, so we knew we were quite safe in leaving."

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